

REMARKS

Status

This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2005, in which Claims 2, 8, 9, 13, and 14 were pending; of which Claim 2 was rejected and Claims 8, 9, 13, and 14 were allowed. No claims have been canceled; Claims 2, 8, 9, 13, and 14 have been amended; and no new claims have been added. Accordingly, Claims 2, 8, 9, 13, and 14 are pending in the application, and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that Claims 8, 9, 13, and 14 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of these claims.

It is noted that these claims have been amended. More particularly, Claims 8 and 14 have been amended to correct an antecedent matter; and Claim 9 has been amended to correct a clerical matter. Claim 13 has been amended to remove portions of the claim already recited in the base claim (i.e., Claim 8).

No new matter is added by these amendments. Entry of these amendments will not require any searching or consideration of new issues, and will not require reopening prosecution. Thus, entry is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejection - 35 USC § 103

Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,285,798 (*Lee*) in view of US Patent No. 5,467,404 (*Vuylsteke*). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Figures 10A and 10B of *Vuylsteke* demonstrate an increase in contrast, since these two figures maintain their shape/profile. This is confirmed in *Vuylsteke* at Col 14, lines 13-15, stating "subtle details have been boosted relative to signal variation of high amplitude, without increasing the overall dynamic range, ...".

In contrast, in the present invention, the present invention's mountain-view presentation image does not merely demonstrate an increase in

contrast. Refer to the Specification starting at Page 12, line 15, and Figure 5. To more particularly identify this feature, Claim 2 has been amended to recite the step of "generating an output image having high signals representing high contrast edges and low signals representing low frequency components". As claimed, this feature is clearly not shown by *Vuylsteke* in Figures 10A and 10B.

Accordingly, Claim 2 is believed to be patentable over the cited references.

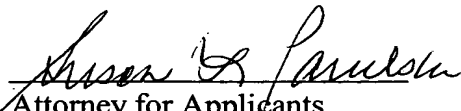
Summary

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

For the reasons set forth above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and favorable action are respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this communication to Eastman Kodak Company Deposit Account No. 05-0225.

Respectfully submitted,


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